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MR. FOSTER ON CONGRESS. The Hon. Wm. E. Foster, M. P., who was in the city last week, gave his impressions of Congress in a speech at the New York Union League Inb on Monday evening last, as follows: "I have seen spending a week in Washington, and I have been most kindly allowed to see as much as it was possible to see of the machinery of your pariamentary government, and I must confess that at first sight there seemed to me there was a very great difference. I was aware of one very remarkable difference which I should find out. That which with us is a ministry, ceases to be a ministry as oon as the majority of the country have declared against the party to which it belonged, that with you it lasts as long as the President chooses to keep it in power. (Laughter, I was aware of that difference, and I am also aware that with you in institutions, which I need not go into now, especially as you know them so much better than myself, that it would be difficult—scarcely possible—to make change in that respect. But I was not prepared to find out this fact that your members of your House of Commons, if I may be allowed to call your House of Eepresentatives your House of Commons, if I may be allowed to call your House are they have been turned out. I have great pleasure in witnessing the deputies in your House are minimal in found out that two thirds of the gentlemen I had the pleasure of seeing had second selves waiting for their seats, who were ready to take their places, and who, like the Peris in the poem, were looking in at the Elysium within, but still kept out. Upon going home, if I come across my old collegues, I can explain to them how very different would have been their peation here and how premature, irom an American point of view, our hasty and precipitate action last year weald how premature, irom an American point of view, our hasty and precipitate action last year weald how premature, irom an American point of view, our hasty and precipitate action last year weald how premature and our Parilament as constituted. But, also, we be obeyed. That is a principle upon which your Government as formed and your Government and your Parilament are constituted. But, also, we both of us this khat we should be perfectly sure that we know what that will be. You aske time to find tout. We have our House of Lords and it appears to me this checks and delays, and I am not sure that your plan is not the more cons

GEORGE BANCROFT.

here, has been elected a regent of the Smithsopian Institution, in the place of General Sherman who has removed to St, Louis. Mr. Bancroft is now seventy-four years of age, but very active, and his brilliant mental powers are unimpaired by age. He has bought and fitted up the house where he is diligently engaged in closing his history of the United States down to the adoption of he Federal Constitution. He rises at 6, lights his fire and works until summened to breakfast at 8. After breakfast he resumes his labors until
1, when he stops for the day, and usually takes a
ride on horseback, followed by a "constitutional"
walk of two or three miles. The evenings he devoies to social enjoyment.
Mr. Baneroft entered public life in 1838, when
he was appointed collector of the port of Boston
by President Van Buren, and he resided here
from March, 1845, until September, 1846, as Secretary of the Navy under President Polk. He
then went to London as Minister Plenipotentiary,
serving until August, 1849. In May, 1887, President Johnson appoanted him Minister Plenipotentiary to Prussia, and he served until he resigned last year, to be succeeded by his nephew,
J. C. Bancroft Davis, the present minister. at 8. After breakfast he resumes his labors until

FORTY-THIRD CONGRESS.

THE MEANING OF THE GAG-LAW TO BE DEFINED.

PROPOSITIONS T. AMEND THE CONSTITU-TION-BILLS INTRODUCED-THE HOLI-DAY RECESS-EXECUTIVE COMMUNICA-TIONS-RAZERING THE CAPITOL POLICE-INVESTIGATING COMMITTEES FOR THE

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1874. Mr. SCUTT presented a memorial of Louis A. Godey, of Philadelphia, propietor of "Godey's Lady's Magazine," setting forth alleged unjust discriminations in the new postal law against periodicals. Committee on Post Offices. Mr. CONKLING presented memorial of trustees of American Seamen's Friends Society, set-ting forth the necessity for a merchant marine hospital at New York. Public Buildings and Grounds.

Grounds.

Mr. DENNIS presented a memorial of citizens of Maryland, praying the abolition of the tax on friction matches.

Mr. HAMILTON, of Md., presented a similar petition, signed by Albert Small, F. Dorsey Horbert and other citizens of Washington county, Maryland. Finance.

Mr. SPENCEE introduced a bill to provide for the appointment of special post office agents and superintendents of the postal railway service. Post Offices.

BLECTION OF PRESIDENT. Mr. WRIGHT submitted a joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution, providing that the President and Vice President shall be elected by the direct popular vote. Privileges and Elections.

THE INTRODUCTION OF RILLS.

Mr. MORTON submitted a resolution, directing the Committee on Rules to inquire into the expediency of abolishing the useless formality of asking leave to introduce bills, &c., by which much time is taken up and the Journal encumbered. much time is taken up and the Journal encum-bered.

Mr. EDMUNDS objected to the Senate record-ing its decision that the asking leave to intro-duce bills was a useless formality. He know of one occasion where it had been anything but a useless formality, when the Senator from Kon-tucky [Mr.McCerrary] asked leave to introduce a bill providing for the removal of the bones of our soldiers from Arlington, and falled to obtain such leave. Mr. MORTON said he did not wish to alter her needs "unerely to obviate the unnecessary repetitions in the Journal. he words "uneress formality" were stricken out and the resciution then adopted.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Mr. ALCONN introduced a bill inreference to the compensation of persons acting as commissioners under special acts of Congress. Military Affairs.

Mr. WEST introduced a bill relating to the Mr. WEST introduced a bill relating to the rank of officers of the army. Military Affairs. Mr. CUNKLING introduced a bill for the relief of the heirs or legal representatives of Abrahms Livingstone. Revolutionary Claims. Mr. DAVIS gave notice that he would to-morrow ask the Senste to take up his resolution calling on the President for information as to defaulting officers of the Government. Mr. PRATT introduced a bill limiting the time in which applications for bounty lands shall be received, and disposing of suspended cases after a certain date. Military Affairs.

Ar. HOUTWELL presented memorial of the National Board of Trade, asking for the creation National Board of Trade, asking for the creation of a department of commerce. Commerce. THE GAG LAW AGAIN.

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A'T. WRIGHT presented a resolution, directing the Committee on the Judiciary to inquire and report into the extent and meaning of the act of June 22, 1874, entitled an act conferring jurisdiction apon the Criminal Court of the Bistrict of Columbia, and particularly whether, under or by its provisions, persons charged with or indicted for libel or other crimes in said District can be brought from a State, or any other place within the jurisdiction of the United States to said District to answer therefor. the jurisdiction of the United States to said Dis-trict to answer therefor.

Mr. E.DMUNDS had no particular objection to the resolution, though he did not perceive its ne-cessity. The Judiciary Committee had already fully examined into this subject, and had sub-mitted their viewe on it at the last session at the time the bill was passed. And if any one still thought that under the bill the utterer of a malicious slander outside of the District could be brought here for trial, it was not worth while for the committee to attempt further to enlighten bim.
Mr. CONKLING moved to amend by adding,
"and also whether said act has any application to
prosecution or indictment for the crime of libel."

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Mr. BAYARD desired to call attention to the inct that it was an unusual proceeding to ask the opinion of a committee of the Senate upon the meaning of a law of Coogress.

The resolution was then adopted.

Mr. GORDON introduced a bill to provide for a survey of Haiford's proposed in land route of water communication between the Mississippi river and the harbors of the Atlantic. Com

Mr. WASHBUEN presented a memorial of Wm. Gijes Dix, of Peabody. Mass., stating that in his belief the time had come when people once for all should decide whether they intend to be one sovereign nation, claiming the direct alle-giance of every clitzen, and directly protecting the rights of all. He therefore asks that Conthe rights of all. He therefore asks that Congress appoint an early period in the next year when one delegate shall be chosen from each Congressional district in the United States, to meet in convention in Philadelphia, and there frame a national constitution, which shall be writed on by the people without the intervention of the States, and if adopted by a majority of the people it shall supersede the present Constitution. Revision of the Laws.

[After the transaction of some business relative to the District of Columbia, for which see fourth page, the Senate went into executive session, and then adjourned.]

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. THE HOLIDAY BECESS.

Mr. DAWES, of Mass, offered a concurrent resolution for the adjournment of Congress for the holiday recess from Wednesday, December until Tuesday, January 4, 1875. The year and nays were demanded, and the esolution was adopted-yeas 28, nays, 123, Mr. GARFIELD, of Ohio, who had changed his vote to the affirmative for that purpess, moved to reconsider the vote whereby the resolution was adopted. He said the Committee on Appropriations had not been consulted in the matter, and they did not deem it prudent to fix a day for adjournment yet.
Mr. RANDALL, of Pa., moved to lay the mo tion to reconsider on the table, and upon it the yeas and nays were ordered.

The latter motion was rejected—yeas 120, nays The further consideration of the subject was postponed until Monday next after the morning hour.
Mr. WHITE, of Ala., introduced a bill supple-

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS. The SPEAKER laid before the House the fo lowing executive communications, which were re-ferred, viz:

From the Secretary of War, in relation to House bill authorizing the construction of bridges across the Chlo river and to prescribe to the dimensions of the same.

From the Secretary of War, in relation to the property of the War Department no longer needed at Pittaburgh, Pa.

From the Secretary of War, in relation to ex-amination of mouth of the Misssissippi river.

From the Secretary of War, transmitting the draft of a bill granting the right of way for a sewer through the Fort Gratiot military reserva-tion. ring executive communications, which were re

tion.

From the Secretary of War, calling attention to the failure to appropriate \$10,000 in the army appropriation bill for torpedo experiments.

From the Secretary of the Interior, relative to the salary of the inspector of gas metres in the District of Celumbia.

From the Secretary of the Interior, transmitting estimates of the cost of survey of indian reserva-From the Secretary of the Interrop, transmitting entimates of the cost of survey of Indian reservations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1876.
From the Secretary of War, recommending an
appropriation of \$658,50 to pay the claim of Dempsoy & O'Toole.
From the clerk of the Committee of Claims. From the elers of the Committee of Chains, transmitting a statement of judgments rendered by the Court of Claims for the year ending December I, 1874.

From the Secretary of War, in relation to the House bill for a wagon road from Green River City, Dakota, to the Yellowstone. From the Commissioners of Claims, transmitting their fourth annual report. From the Commissioners of the Freedman's Saving and Trust Company, transmitting their report. report.

From the Secretary of War, transmitting a statement of the amount of clothing furnished to the sufferers by the overflow of the lower Mis-

BILLS INTRODUCED. ills were introduced and referred as follows:
y Mr. HUNTON, of Va.: For raisef of the
tiess of the Episcopal Theological Seminary
irginia. War Claims. trustees of the Episcopal Theological Seminary of Virginia. War Claims.
Also, a bill authorising the Secretary of the Interior to adjust the accounts of T. W. Tanstill for the boundary survey between the United States and Mexico. Claims.
By Mr. Tremaine, of N. Y.: For the relief of C. T. Johnson. War Claims.
By Mr. Phillips, of Kansas: Authorising the Secretary of the Interior to adjust certain accounts between the United States and certain States, for the sale of public hands in said States for permanent, Indian reservations. Public Lands. for permanent Indian reservations. Public Lands. By Mr. McGrary, of Iowa: Bill and memorial for a narrow-gange railroad from Lake Eric to the

By Mr. McGrary, or lows. But and memorial for a marrow gauge railroad from Lake Erie to the Mississippi river. Railways and Canals. By Mr. Randall, of Pas. Resolution directing the Postmaster General to inform the House under what contract, if any, the Departmental stamps are furnished, at what rates, and also all information bearing upon the subject. Post Offices and Post Roads.

On motion of Mr. Cobb, of Kansas, Senate bill explanatory of the resolution for the relief of set. or motion of Mr. book of Rannas, Senate on explanatory of the resolution for the relief of settlers upon absente Shawnee lands in Kansas was taken from the Speaker's table and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

On motion of Mr. HOOPER, of Mass., the Senate hill authorizing the coinage of a 20-cept silver in motion of Mr. HOOP ER, or assessment sliver bill authorizing the colonge of a 20-cent sliver co was taken from the table and referred to Watchts and Mean

THE PIRST APPROPRIATION BILL, On motion of Mr. GARFIELD, of Ohio, the gress, by a vote of 113 against 7.

House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the legislative appropriation bill, Mr. E. H. ROBERTS, of N. Y., in the chair. Debate was limited to five minutes.

The bill was then read by paragraphs for resolvent. amendment.

Mr. COX, of N. Y., made a pro forma amendment and said that at the close of last ression Mr.

ment, and said that at the close of last session Mr. Gausticu thanked the House for standing by him in the appropriation bills, and he stated that the appropriations were tweaty-five millions less than for the previous year. Was that statement orrect? Mr. GARFIELD. Yes, sir. Mr. COX. No mistake about it? Mr. GARFIELD. No, sir. Mr. COX. No deficiency of about elevan mil-

hons?
Mr. GARFIELD. No, sir.
Mr. COX said he would like to bear the gentlemen on that at some future time, for he believed the statement of a deficiency would be borne out.

THE CAPITOL POLICE. Mr. RANDALL, of Pa., moved to reduce the number of Capitol pollemen from twenty-seven to twenty; and in answer to a question how the next House would like that, Mr. RANDALL replied that if he knew anything at all about the sext House it would pursue a policy of economy and contrail all examples. next House it would pursue a policy of economy and currail all expenses.

Mr. GA RFIELD. of Obio, said that the Committee of Appropriations had considered this matter, and thought that as the bill was for the next Congress it would be indecorous to cut down the officials of the House, in view of the fact that a new organization and a new administration was so soon to come into power in the Rouse.

Mr. WILSUN, of Ind., naked whether the House could get along with fewer policemen.

Mr. GARFIELD thought it could.

Mr. WILSON, of Ind., could not see, if it was good to cut down expenses, why it should not be done at once, without reference to the new House.

Mr. GARFIELD said he would not object to the reduction solely on that account, but he did

the reduction solely on that account, but he did not wish to recommend it because it would seem Mr. RANDALL said he did not propose to re uce salaries, but to cut down the number of em-Mr. WILSON, of Ind., said if officers were to

be cut down, he proposed to do it at once, and let the next House increase the number if they dethe next House increase the number if they destred to do so.

Mr. HOLMAN, of Ind., moved to amend further by striking out the appropriation for a captain and lieutenants of police, and provide for twenty-one watchmen at reduced salaries. He objected to the number and the salaries paid. There was no mistaking the sentiment of the people that they demanded reduction of officers and reduction of salaries. Unless this is done the public sentiment would not be obeyed.

The amendment was adopted.

The appropriations for the clerks of the Committees of Ways and Means and Appropriations were reduced from \$3,000 to \$2,502.

Upon a proposition to reduce the appropriation for

THE BOTANICAL GARDEN.

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Mr. FRYE, of Mc., said there was gross extravagance in this bill in the nature of salaries. It was gross extravagance to pay policemen and messengers more money than was paid to employees in the library and to the superfreedest of the Botanical Garden. True economy was to reduce the number and salaries of policemen.

The amendment was rejected.

Un motion of Mr. GARFIELD, an amendment was adopted authorizing the chief of the bureau of accounts of the State Department to act as disbursing officer of said Department.

The number of watchmen for the new State Department building was reduced from the number recommended by the committee.

Pending further consideration the committee rose.

THE SOUTHERS CONSITTER.

The SPEAKER announced the following as the special committee to investigate political affairs at Vicksburg, viz: Messrs. Consum, of Mich.; Hurlburg., of Ill.; Williams, of Wis.; Spems, of Pa., and O'Haren, of Md.
Also, the following committee of seven to take charge of so much of the President's message as relates to Southern affairs, viz: Messrs. G. F.
Hoar, of Mass; Whieler, of N. Y.; Frig., of Me.; Forte, of Dhist Freeder, of N. J.; Robinson, of Ill., and Potter, of N. Y.
The House then, at 4:10 p. m., adjourned.

NEWS FROM OTHER LANDS GERMANY.

TRIAL OF YOU ARNIM. BERLIN, Doc. 14.—The public prosecutor spoke* two and a half hours, and concluded by asking that the prisoner be sentenced to two and a half

A New York Times special says: Baron Holconsequence of being informed by Landsberg that Arnim mistakably attributed to Bismarck the in-tention of going to war with France on account of pastoral letters of French bishops, he wrote to friend in Berlin to inform Bismarck that the the critical period. Additional dispatches be tween Elsmarck and Von Arnim are published Among the most important is one from Arnim stating that the German Government should not discourage the hopes of the Bonapartists, as they necessity for a war for revenge. To this Bismarck replies that there is no occasion to encourage any ion while Thiere is thfully fulfills treaty stip lations. Another dispatch from Bismarck in orms Arnim that he is mistaken if he thinks Germany desires Italy and France to quarrel, as in that event Germany would be dragged in to

support Italy. BERLIN, Doc. 15,-In the Von Arnim trial to. day the public prosecutor spoke in reply to the argument delivered yesterday by Morr Holtzen dorf, of counsel for the defense, and the latter re sponded to the Crown officer's speech.

BERLIN, Dec. 15 .- In the Von Arnim trial today additional arguments for the defence were made by Dockham and Munkle. The former maintained that even if the documents which appeared in the Vienna papers were published by Von Arnim he could not be legally held to account therefore. The papers were exclusively his private property, and had been drawn up for his own private use. No rational motive could be imagined for these proceedings, as the Foreign Office possessed duplicates of all the documents alleged to be detained. The accused could retain the documents until the Foreign Office proved its claim to them in a civil action. There was no evidence that further publication was intended. Munkle intimated that the judges were wanting. in this case, in their usual impartiality towards the accused. He thought they unconsciously yielded to an influence proceeding from high marters. The insinuation was repolled by the

The counsel for the defence having closed, the isoner was permitted to speak. He said the cuments relating to his conflict with Prince Bismarck were a grave in which was buried the iendship of his youth. Nothing could show at he had at any time acted in opposition to structions. He could swear he had committed o filegal act.

Judgment in the case will probably be rendered on Saturday. Herr Majunke, a member of the Reichstag, and editor of the Germania, who was arrested for a press offence, has been released.

FRANCE. CORRESPONDENCE WITH SPAIN.
PARIS, Dec. 15.—The Ambassador of Spain has ceived a reply of the Duke of Decares to the last Spanish note complaining of breaches of neutrality. The Duke quotes passages from the letters of Senor Olozaga, former Ambassador at Paris, complimenting the French Government on the real shown by its officials in watching the frontier. These letters were written at the very time the Spanish Government charges that the Prefect of Pau connived at the entrance of Don Carlos into Spain. He soncludes with assurances that the Government and people of France conur in desiring the welfare of Spain.

RUSSIA HONORS FRANCIL LONDON, Dec. 16, 6 a. m .- The Cuar has sent an order of St. Andrew to President MacMahon, ith a very friendly letter. The circumstance much commented on.

The United States steamer Alaska has arrived t Spezzia. LOSS OF A COLLIER.

A British collier has been lost in the Bay Siscay, and eight of her crew drowned. CUBA.

THE INSURGENTS UNSUCCESSFULLY ATTACK HAYANA, Dec. 15.—On the morning of Nevemper 30 a party of one hundred insurgents attempt ed to take Fort Cascorro, while the main body eight or nine hundred strong, awaited the resul in the outskirts of the village, hidden in the thickets. The attacking party surprised the guard and succeeded in penetrating to the interior of the fort, but were immediately driven out. Their commander was killed within the fort, and others were killed and wounded in their flight. The surprise having failed, the insurgents made a general attack, but were repulsed, and retreated, with increased loss in killed and wounded.

The Spanish forces in the Remedies district on the 2d and 3d instant dispersed forty rebel horse

sen and a small force of infantry. SUBSIDY TO THE TRHUANTEPRO RAILWAY. CITY OF MEXICO, Dec. S.—The Congressional committee has reported in favor of the subvention of \$12,000 per mile to the Tehuantepec Railway PACIFICATION OF THRIC.

Tepic has been completely pacified and the SUPPRESSION OF THE ORDER of Sisters of Charity has been decreed by Con-

SOUTHERN CLAIMS-GREAT TELESCOPES-ESTIMATES FOR SURVEYS-NOTE PRINT-ING-LOBBYPHOBIA-POSTMASTERS' SAL-ARY BILL-ARMY AND NAVY NEWS-DE-PARTMENT OFFICE HOURS - NOMINA-TIONS AND CONFIRMATIONS.

INTERNAL REVENUE

The receipts from internal revenue sources yes-erday were \$210,104.14. SURVEYS OF INDIAN RESERVATIONS. The Secretary of the Interior, in a communication yesterday, submits estimates for an appropri ation of \$191.820 for surveys of ludian reservations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1876.

POSTMASTER GENERAL JEWELL. In the executive session of the Sanate vestor day the nomination of Marshall Jewell to be Postmaster General was reported unanimously for confirmation. The report was ratified without a division of the Senate. DISTRICT AFFAIRS. The affairs of the District seem to meet with accustomed neglect at the hands of Congress. In the Senate during the consideration of Mr. Mor-

rill's bill the Chamber is almost empty, while the House District Committee has thus far failed to get a quorum together. MOUTH OF THE MISSISSIPPL The Secretary of War sent a letter to the House of Representatives yesterday, inclosing a letter from General H. G. Wright, president of the board of engineers for the examination of the mouth of the Mississippi river, stating that the

report required by law cannot be submitted until RELIEF FOR SUFFERERS. The Secretary of War sent to the House yesterday a communication from the Quartermaster General, showing that the following articles were turned over to Captain W. T. Gurley for distribution to the sufferers by the overflow of the

lower Mississippi, vin: 25,000 forage caps, 4,000 woolen blankets, 25,000 pairs bootees and 25,000 sack costs, all in good order. EIGHT HOURS FOR THE CLERKS. It was rumored about town yesterday that during the Cabinet meeting a proposition was considered to increase the number of hours of daily work in Executive Departments from six to eight, and that it was favored by all the mem bers present except Secretary Fish. While but little credence was placed in the rumor it served to create considerable excitement, and was the

occasion of much discussion ARMY NEWS. Colonel Charles R. Woods, Second infantry, has been placed upon the retired list, having been found incapacitated for active service by reason of chronic rheumatism, contracted in the trenches during the siege of Vicksburg. Capt. W. L. Poland, ordnance department, has been relieved from duty at the Frankford arsenal, Pa., and ordered to the Watertown arsenal, Mass.

PAY OF POSTMASTERS. The House Postal Committee yesterday agreed to the bill introduced last session by Mr. Piatt, of N. Y., increasing the salaries of the postmasters at the cities hereinafter named, as follows: At New York, \$8,000; Philadelphia, \$6,000; Boston, \$8,000; Chicago and St. Louis, \$6,000 each; Brooklyn, Baltimore, San Francisco and Cincin-nati, \$5,000 each, with the proviso that such salaries shall be paid from the moneys received from box rents, sales of postage stamps, and other sources in excess of the expenditures.

NAVAL NEWS.

Advices to the Navy Department report that the steamer Wachusetts sailed from Norfolk December 12, for Boston, where she is to be put out The United States steamer Saranac has reare reported to be in a satisfactory condition. The military authorities are exerting themselves to protect the rights and interests of the American

mining companies. The visit of the Saranac to La Pair was productive of the best results SOUTHERN CLAIMS. The following is a statement of the numbers and amounts of the claims reported to Congress for payment by the Southern Claims Commission: Alabama, 141 cases, \$72,700.82; Arkansas, 154 cases, \$95,559.50; Florida, — cases, \$13,275; Georgia, 105 cases, \$41,952.46; Louisiana, 14 cases, \$65,737; Mississippi, 76 cases, \$142,327; North Carolina, 116 cases, \$35,625.57; South Carolina, 12 cases, \$5,933.25; Tennessee, 318 cases, \$159,695.25; Texas, 2 cases, \$1,300; Virginia, 210 cases, \$138,-251.41; West Virginia, 6 cases, \$8,695. Total, \$791,055,25. The whole number of cases exam-

ined was more than twice as great as the number BANK NOTE PRINTING The House Committee on Banking and Currency yesterday heard Secretary Bristow with reference to the general management of the affairs of the Treasury Department. The question of the bank note printing was not under discussion. The committee, however, have notified the Columbia Bank Note Company of this city that they will hear arguments in their interest to-day. The company will take grounds against Secretary Bristow's recommendation to have all the printing done under the Treasury Department, and will advocate the adoption of the re-port of the Retrenchment Committee, made some ten years ago, which recommended that a portion of the bank note printing be executed elsewhere than the Treasury Department, for the purpose of safety. Colonel W. W. Warden will appear

for the company. ANOTHER GREAT TELESCOPE. Profesor Simon Newcomb has been requested by the trustees of the Lick fund to make investigations necessary to determine where and for what price the great equatorial telescope may be constructed, which is to be the pride of the new California Observatory. He will sail for Europe in a few days, on duty for the Naval Observatory and the Paris, Berlin and other noted observatories in Europe. The Lick fund for building an observatory amounts to \$700,000. Of this it is believed \$130,000 will go for the telescope alone, which will probably have an object glass of ten inches greater than that now in place at the Washington Observatory, which is the largost refracting telescope in the world. Professor Newcomb will visit the glass factories at Birmingham and Paris to see where the glass can lens. Glass of the best quality for such purposes

has not yet been produced in this country. EMOTIONAL INSANITY IN THE LOBBY Contrary to general expectation, the "wanted" witness, Irvin, did not appear before the Ways and Means Committee yesterday to be examined in the matter of the Pacific mail lobby. Mesers. Hubbard and Chapman, counsel for Mr. Irvin, stated that he was in a nervous and excited state of mind, which, combined with physical disability, rendered his appearance before the committee a risk to his life. Mr. Hubbard stated that he had served during the war, and since that time had not seen a well day; that about a year and a half ago he was thrown from a carriage in San Francisco and had his skull fractured, which had added to his many physical complications. He had advised him not to attempt to come before the committee before to-morrow morning. Mr. Chapman was about to interpose a similar appeal for his client, when Mr. Beck objected, stating that the state of his health was competent to be certified to by a physician; that he objected to coun-sel's pleas, and moreover no one was on trial, and the committee would proceed in its own way to assertain the information sought. Subsequently Sergeant-at-Arms Ordway was

directed to look into the matter, and proceeding to Wermley's, found Mr. Irvin apparently sick in bed. This is said to be the first pleading of insanity in connection with lobby affairs, although many insane lobby projects have been heard of. It is expected that Mr. Irvin will so far recover from his emotional attack as to be able to be examined to-day, and that Representative Parsons of Ohio; ex-Postmaster King, of the House, and several New York brokers will be called. The drift of the examination will, it is believed, soon develop something novel regarding the manner, in which Congressmen and their friends make in-vestments in New York stock markets. A SUBSTITUTE FOR THE TEXAS PA-

The Texas Pacific railway scheme now before Congress proposes a consolidation with the Atlan-tic and Pacific, an intersection of their roads in the State of Texas, and one grand trunk line on the thirty-second parallel, near the boundary line, from Texas to San Diego, California. Provision is made to authorise this consolidated company to purchase any road authorized to be built from San Francisco to the Colorada river, which evidently means a consolidation with the South ern Pacific of California-a road operated by parties almost identical with the owners of the Con-tral Pacific. It is learned now, however, of a new bill, which will be presented as a substitute for Scott's bill, containing all the provisions of his bill except it prevents the Texas Pacific from going west of the Colorado river, and thus shuts it out of California and outs it off from the Pacific This new scheme gives the control of the west-

ern end of this combination to the Southern Pacific of California, which will be required to build the road from San Francisco to the Colorado river, and from the nearest point on its line to THE NEW TEXAS PACIFIC RAILWAY San Diego. The main feature of the bill is that it provides if the Southern Pacific completes its road to the Colorado river before the Texas Pacific reaches that point, it shall go on building east until it meets the Texas Pacific, with the same privileges and rights (guaranty of bonds included) that are proposed to be granted to the Texas Pacific. This provision, taken into consid-

> from the western end if the bill should become NOMINATIONS.

The President sent to the Senate the following iominations yesterday: James W. Marshall, First Assistant Postmaser-General, (being a re-appointment.)
S. B. Axtell, Governor of Utah Territory.

George A. Black, Secretary of Utah. Charles H. Chamberlin, Receiver of Public Moneys, San Francisco. Charles McDonald, Receiver of Public Moneys. John S. Ward, Register Land Office, Lasonville, California.

has its line of road nearly completed to the Colo-

rado river, would indicate a speedy construction

David B. Wilson, Pension Agent, Fairfield, Jacob Parmerter. Collector of Customs, Distriet of Champlain, New York.
George B. Patterson, United States Attorney or Southern Florida

Francis H. Goodwin, Marshal for Arisona. Consuls—Robert J. Saxe, of Utah, at St. John's, Quebec; Robert Y. Helley, at Barbadoes; Augustus VanCleef, at Laguayra. Collectors of Internal Revenue-W. W. Hen-derson, Twenty-seventh district, New York; Philip Wadsworth, First district, Illinois; Menry McDanolds, Fifth district, New Jersey; James

C. Brown, Twentieth district, Pennsylvania.

Postmasters—Robert Love, at Plymouth, Pa.; M. W. McAlarney, Harrisburg, Pa.; Wm. C. Wylie, Washington, Pa.; Jonathan Jessop, York, Pa.; Isaiah Winch, Fernandins, Fla.; John S. Adams, Jacksonville, Fia.; S. P. Gambis, San Antonio, Texas; Jehn Algoe, Flint, Mich.; Wm. D. Hitchcock, Alpens, Mich.; Mrs. Emily H. Scott, McKeesport, Pa.; Wm. McLaughlin, Barn-hart's Mills, Pa.; H. S. Haskell, Portage City, Wis.; James M. Dickerson, Boscobel, Wis.; Edw. M. Shoemaker, Fort Union, New Mexico; Mrs. L. F. Ewing, Logansport, Ind.; Geo. J. Langs-dale, Greencastle, Indiana; Alexander W. De-Long, Huntington, Ind.; Robert W. Lampton, Ashland, My.; J. H. Stellee, Georgetown, Ky.; George A. Parker, Lewistown, Me.; J. L. Skinner, Amberst, Mass.; C. W. Ruggles, Brookline, Mass.; C. M. Dinsmore, Clinton, Mass.; S. S. Gleason, Watertown, Mass.; Andrew Whitney, Nantucket, Mass.; Henry Pope, Milton, Mass.; George J. Croningshield, Central Falls, R. I.; John P. Pearce, Bristel, R. I.: Thomas Coggeshall, Newport, R. I.; James Ruth, Lansing, Ia.; Hamilton Crenshaw, Marengo, Ia.; Jacob C. Otis, Glenwood, In.; Benjamin J. Wright,

Charles City, Ia.; Henry M. Magee, Cynthiana, CONFIRMATIONS. The Senate in executive session yesterday confirmed the following nominations: Marshall Jewell, of Conn., to be Postmaster

Charles F. Conant, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury,
Benjamin Moran, at present secretary of legation in London, to be resident Minister to Portugal, vice Charles H. Lewis, resigned. Wickham Hoffman, to be secretary of lega-

Robt. R. Hitt, of Ill., secretary of legation in David Thompson, of Ohio, interpreter to lega-

Thomas Hillhouse, Assistant Treasurer, New M. F. Bonzano, superintendent of mint, New THE BOSTON FIRE. Boston, Dec. 15.—The fire here last night did not prove so serious as anticipated. The fiames

were got under subjection by 1:30 o'clock. The oss aggregates \$80,000; insurance about \$40,000. The fire alarms last night and up to nearly ? o'clock this morning were sufficiently frequent. and the light of flames sufficiently bright to awaken the fears of a general conflagration. The first alarm was sounded last night about 11 o'clock, the fire being discovered in a large five-story brick building, Nos. 75 to 81 Plymouth street, occupied by Curry & Galvin, and a large number of firms engaged in the wood manufact ture. The building was entirely destroyed. The flames were driven by wind across the street, setting fire to a dry-house of Creesh & Noves. were a number of occupants of the block, which was owned by Curry & Galvin, and their losses range from \$500 to \$10,000; the total being \$25,000. The building was valued at \$50,000; insurance, \$20,000 Creesh & Noves loss about \$45,000. The building and stock was insured for \$28,000. The building 51 and 52 was owned by F. Badger & Co. stair builders who occupied three floors. Badger & Co.'s loss on the build-ing, which was totally consumed, is \$35,000, on stock, \$20,000. Building 65 and 67, occupied by Smith & Jacobs, stair builders; J. J. Hill, carpenter, and Henry Bartlett, builder, and owned by Jacobs, was burned; loss on it, \$25,000. Smith a Jacobs lose \$55,000. Losses of other occupants small. No. 75, a block of three stories, owned by Nathaniel O. Hunt, carpenter and builder, was consumed. His loss on the building is \$20,000; on stock, \$45,000. McNutt's loss on his building is \$50,000; insured for \$9,000, loss on his stock, \$5,000, The first and second stories were occupied by Pierce, Tuttle & Gilman, table manufacturers, who lose \$30,000. The third story was used by Adolphus Sherman & Co., manufacturers of fur-niture. Their loss is \$10,000. Bassom & Barsch,

cabinet makers, occupied the fourth and fifth stories; loss, \$10,000. Several other occupants instained smaller losses. The lumber yard was entirely destroyed. The flames in this burnt district are now thought to be under control. It is estimated that nearly five hundred men are by this most disastrous fire thrown out of employment. The loss by the Plympton-street fire foots up half a mil-

tion dollars. IMPORTANT RAILWAY AND STEAMER CON-TRACTS. Naw York, Dec. 15 .- The Times of to-morrow says an important meeting took place yesterday at the Fifth Avenue hotel, in this city, between C. P. Huntington, vice president of the Central Pacific Railroad Company, and Messrs. Oliver Ames, Sidney, D. Hates and others, the executive committee of the Union Pacific Railroad Com-pany. The matter under consideration was a ontract for a term of five years between the Contrai and Union Pacific railroads and Occidental and Oriental Steamship Company of the State of California, for a through first-class line of steamships to run between San Francisco and

Japan and China. A communication was read from the steamship company, claiming that \$6,500,000 of the \$10,000,on the Facific coast. Large subscriptions have been made by San Francisco merchants, and by Chinese merchants in that city. After due sonsideration of the matter in all its bearing the contracts were unanimously ratified by the two reads—the Central and Union Pacific. The contracts are now complete, having been approved by all the contracting parties.

ITEMS FROM NEW YORK. A bitter contest between the old ring members of the Union League and friends of the opposiion ticket, headed by John P. Veres, terminated Monday night in the election of the latter ticket.

The polls remained open till after midnight, Charles Gibbons headed the ring ticket for president, and was on the opposition ticket for vice president, but he withdrew his name at the last oment, and is among the defeated. The successful party claims that had there been a differ-ent result the Union League would have been broken up.

The schooner Wm. Wilson, from Turk's Island,

cartridges from a Spanish war steamer. The Spanish vessel sent a boat's crew alongside, and after finding out the cargo and destination of the schooner allowed her to proceed. The steamship Trinacrea reports that on her royage here she fell in with the Austrian frigate Heligoland in a disabled condition, with engines broken down and radder sprung, and towed her wto St. Michael's. The Heligoland encountered a severe cyclone while in her disabled condition.

The contoms receipts vesterday were \$250,000.

The sub-Treasurer paid \$27,000 on acterest, and \$160,000 for called b onds.

ets that on November 23, six miles from

Porto Rico, on the passage from Port Spain to Turk's Island, she was hove to by three blank

Coroner Croker made application yesterday for permission to resume his official duties. The board of coroners and Hon. John Kelley, repre-senting the Tammany organisation, however, de-cided against him, it being considered unwise to allow Croker to officiate as a coroner while the charge of killing McKenna hangs over him. At a meeting of the members of the Prospect avenue Presbyterian church, Jersey City, las night, a resolution was adopted calling upon Rev. John S. Glendenning to continue his pasteral re-lations with the church,

GENERAL INTELLIGENCE. PRIGHTPUL CASE OF LYNCHING IN

IOWA.

ALLEGED DEFALCATION OF A BANKER'S CLERK - BANKRUFTCY OF MEMPHIS-CHEAP TRANSPORTATION-TRAGEDY IN MISSOURI-COTTON PRESS DESTROYED-GLENDENNING-TWEED AND CROKER. CHICAGO, Dec. 16.—A special dispatch from Des Moines, Iowa, says about 2:30 a.m. to.day a body of about one hundred and fifty men, disguised entered the vail, knocked down the vailor, bound him hand and foot, took the keys to the cells from his pecket, overpowered the guard and entered the cell where Charles Howard, the murderer of Johnson, who was yesterday sentenced to impris-onment for life, was confined. His wife, who was sleeping with him, clung to him, uttering hor-

rible shrieks, and it was all that half a dozen men could do to drag him from his bed. A rope was then placed about his neck, and he was dragged through the halls and court-house yard to a lamp post and hung. All the men had their faces blackened, and were divided into sounds, each doing its allotted work without a word being spoken. After Howard had been fas-tened to the post, the mob dispersed as silently as it came. It is supposed the work was done by members of a vigilance committee in this county, who have been recently holding meetings, and on Saturday, when the jury came in with their verdict, several were seated near the prisoner.

ALABAMA NEWS.

CARNIVAL OF CRIME-STATE DEBT. MONTGOMENY, ALA., Dec. 15,-About daylight this morning two negroes went to the store o Mat. Strauss, on the outskirts of the city, waked and killed him with a car coupling iron. One negro stabbed another yesterday. Tom Johnson, a negro, was yesterday ser

six or eight colored men were sent to the peni Rapier, the defeated candidate for Congress in this district, has served a notice of contest on Major Williams, Congressmen elect. His allega-tions are very numerous and very general, in-

to be hung January 29 for murdering another

negro in a quarrel over a quarter of a dollar, and

cluding fraud, violence, &c. THE ALABAMA STATE DEST. The State Senate has passed a bill authorizing the Governor to appoint two commissioners, citi-zens of Alabama, who, with the Governor, shall constitute a board of commissioners to take charge and ilquidate and adjust the subsiding liabilities of the State on bonds straight and in-dersed, and coupons thereon, in such manner as the interests of the State may require, and b negotiation to provide for the payment of said legal liabilities as may be arranged for under the powers conferred by the bill, and the interest that may be agreed to be paid on the principal so negotiated, in such manner and at such times as to them may seem advisable, and to this oud said commission shall, by advertisement or other wise, at as early a day as practicable, require the presentation of all claims of said character, with the amount claimed: and they may inquire into the consideration alleged to have been paid or given to the State therefor, or that is alleged in support of the liability claimed against the State provided, however, that no adjustment of said alleged liabilities, or any part thereof, or arrangement for the payment of any sum in discharge thereof, shall be binding on the State suless and until approved and ratified by the General Assembly. The commissioners are required to report their action to the Governor, who shall communicate the same to the General As-sembly. The bill will probably pass the House

after the recess, which takes place on the 17th. CHEAP TRANSPORTATION.

RESOLUTIONS OF THE NEW YORK ASSOCIATION. NEW YORK, Dec. 15 .- At a meeting of the di rectors of the Cheap Transportation Association to-day resolutions were adopted setting forth that it is the duty of legislators, State and national, to settle the question of transportation; that the want of proper transportation has much to do with the general business depression, and the de fects and abuses of our system can best be cor rected by a true competition. That the Belgian system is worthy of consideration, as a means of obtaining detailed information as to cost. That one great used is an exclusive freight railroad from New York to the grain sections of the West, as a means of learning what properly to expect from existing railways. That the work makes it necessary that the Government aid, and that the report of the Committee on Railways and Canals of the Forty-third Congress which is to be commended. Also, that this work cannot be too quickly undertaken

The delegation appointed to attend the conven-tion of the American Cheap Transportation Asscelation at Richmond, Va., reported that the convention and its deliberations indicated that the movement for cheap transportation is rapidly gaining strength. The feature of the convi

country were controlled by a few unscrupulous TWO SCHOONERS WRECKED. FORT MONROE, VA., Dec. 15,-The schooner Balle Bartlett seventy five tone of Provincetown Mass., with oysters, and the schooner Miranda of New Haven, ninety-eight tons, also with oysters, loaded for New Haven, while going out the Capes this morning ran on the southeast end of the inner middle ground, and both filled with water and sunk. The vessels were following each other, and the captains mistook the position of the shoals. The Miranda lays in five and a half fathoms, and is thirteen miles E S E of Cape Charles, Cape Henry bearing southeast eighteen miles from shore. The Belle Bartlett lugs Cape Henry, bears southeast by south eleven miles Cape Charles twelve miles, east by north half north. She is in seven fathoms of water, and both vessels masts are out of water. They are in the track of vessels bound up the bay, and crews were taken off by the revenue steamer Colfax, Capt. Warner, from Baltimore, which was going out for a cruise on the coast between Cape Hatteras and Chincoteague, and brought them

here. The crews and only their personal effects MEMPHIS CITY DEST. New York, Dec. 15.—The committee appointed by the common council of the city of Memphis elative to the debt of that city held a meeting here to-day to consider the ways and means of getting rid of their debt. Mr. Afferson, of Memphis, presided. Mr. Hansen addressed the meeting, giving a brief outline of the financial statement of the present condition of the city debt, Me showed that the total bonded and coupon dept is \$4,562,897, in addition to which there is a floating debt of \$2,000,000. The assets of the city are \$1,337,689. The population of the city at present is 48,000, and the taxable wealth \$29,539,-714. Of the amount of its liabilities \$500,000 is passed due, the coupons to meet which the city has \$17,000 in the treasury. After considerable discussion the following

esolution was passed:

resolution was passed:

Resolved, That the holders of bends of the city
of Memphis in Charleston, Baltimore, Philadelphia and elsewhere be requested to dall a meeting
and appoint one or two delegates each, to meet
the committee of two appointed by this convention in the city of Memphis, on the 11th of January, 1875, for the purpose of considering the questions now before the convention. TWEED'S PERSEVERANCE. New Your, Dec. 15.—This afternoon a petiti from Wm. M. Tweed was laid before Judge Lawa habeas corpus writ, returnable for said Court, on the grounds that he is detained by a warrant of the court which had no jurisdiction to try a misdemeanor, and that the jury was not impaneled according to law; that even if the court had jurisdiction the imprisonment and fine for the one misdemeasor for which he was convioted are expired and paid, and the subsequent

Writ comes up for argument on 17th inst. ALLEGED EMBEZZLEMENT. PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 15,-Robert Stahl, foreign nchange clerk at the house of Drevel & Co. to ball to night to answer the charge of embessie. ment. The allegation is that by means of false bills of exchange, he had placed to his credit at

Judge Lawrence said under the State he would

pake writ returnable on Oyer and Terminer.

the Foreign Exchange house, the sum of about thirty thousand dellars, which had been drawn out at various times by his agents. BRIEF TELEGRAMS. The secretary of the Rowing Association of American Colleges has issued a circular indefin-itely postponing the meeting of delegates called for to-day at Hartford, Conn. The calaboose at Osage Mission, Kansas, was burned Saturday night, and two men confined in

the structure at the time perished in the fiames. Setzer & Son's steam packing-box manufactory,

corner of Eden street and Canton avenue, Balti

more, was burned last night. Less about \$7,000. Partially insured.

CHARGE OF BRIBERY.

CONFLICT OF STATE JURISDICTION. LAPATETTE, IND., Dec 15 .- There has been con-siderable excitement here for the past few days over the arrest of R. Morton, at Kentland, for alleged attempt to bribe the board of grain in-spectors at Chigago to pass No. 2 corn as No. 1. Morton was arrested on a requisition of the Gov-ernor of Illinois, brought here and tried on a writ of habeas corpus. The writ was refused by Judge Vinton and the prisoner remanded to the custody of Col. Ray, who started to Chicago with him, going by carrriage to Battle Ground, there to take train on the Louisville, New Albany and Chicago railroad, fearing trouble if they took a train here. Finding Morton gone his friends swore out a warrant charging Ray with kidnapping, and special constables started in each direction to attempt his capture. He was overhauled near Battle Ground by Paymaster Kerfer, of the Short Line railroad and brought back to the city. Ray will have a preliminary examination to mirrow merning before Esquire Jenks.

CUSTOMS DECISION.

THE COLLECTOR SUSTAINED BY THE COURT.
NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—About the middle of last spring Frederick DuBarry imported a large quantity of champagne, and in addition to the regular duty of \$6 on each case of one dozen bottles Collector Arthur imposed an additional duty of three cents on each bottle. Suit was brought in the United States Circuit Court to recover it, and Judge Shipman to-lay rendered a decision in favor of the Collector, holding that it was the ovi-dent intention of Congress to impose an additional duty of three cents on each bottle containing imported spirituous liquors of any kind.

CHARLIE ROSS.

THE DEAD MEN IDENTIFIED AS HIS ABDUCTORS.
PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 15.—The following dispatch was received in this city early this even

To Jones, Chief of Police, Philadelphia:
Water identifies both the dead men positively,
The other witness one of them sure.
Capt. Det. Police of Philadelphia.
The witness mentioned is Peter Callahan, who is employed in the residence adjoining that of

Mr. Ross. It will be remembered he saw one of the kidnappers in the neighborhood of the house before the abduction. NORTH CAROLINA.

THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY. RALEIGH, Dec. 15 .- In the General Assembly o-day two bills were introduced in the Senata to call a convention for the purpose of changing the present State constitution, known as the Camby constitution. There is but little doubt of the passage of the hills. The centiments of the people are in favor of a change. The United States Circuit Court will adjourn to-morrow, The General Assembly will take a recess on the Tist inst, for the holidays. The public debt bill will not be taken up till after the recess.

BURNING OF A COTTON PRESS. CHARLESTON, S. C., Dec. 15 .- The Champton cotton press caught fire at 2:15 this afternoon, and the flames spread so rapidly that in a few mo-ments the whole building was in a blaze. About 3,000 bales of cotton in the press and sheds at the time are nearly a total loss. Thre is much un-certainty as to insurance, but it is believed that the loss on cotton will be \$200,000, fully insured. and \$50,000 on the press building and machinery, which are insured for \$20,000. The Liverpool, London and Giobe have about \$100,000 on cotton, and \$25,000 on the press and machinery. The British and Mercantile and Lundon and Lancashire have about \$60,000 on the cotton, and \$7,500 on the press and machinery. A French company has \$15,000 on the cotton. The Ætns, of Hartford, has \$5,000 on the press build the Underwriter' Agency, \$5,000. A brick house opposite the press, and insured in the Ætna for \$2,000, was burned down. The fire is still ourning, but considered to be under control, with no

ELECTIONS IN MASSACHUSETTS. Boston, Dec. 15.—The municipal election to-day resulted in the election of Mayor Cobb, the nomines of both the Henshlicans and Democrats by nearly 18,000 majority over General Francis Hayes, Independent. For aldermen and councilmen, besides the regular party tickets, there were five other tickets in the field. The Citizens' or Horticultural Hall ticket was elected by varying majorities. It is composed of eight Renabl and four Democrats. The Democrats lose one alderman and gain seven councilmen. At Newburyport and Lowell the Citizens' Reform tickets were elected over the regular Repub

At Worcester, Clark Jellson, Independent can

didate, was elected mayor.

CHARLESTON, S. C., Dec. 15 .- The House of Representatives in Columbia to-day adopted a concur-rent resolution petitioning Congress to make an appropriation to indemnify the depositors in the Freedman's Saving Bank, who where led to deposit their money there by the belief that the Federal Government would be responsible for its St. Louis, Dec. 15,-The Merchants' Exchange

and Board of Trade in this city have united in a memorial praying Congress to grant the aid desired by the Texas Pacific and Atlantic and Pa-Sunday night last a man named John Rounds in company with a woman said to be a prostitute, were in a saloon in Cahoakia village, six miles below this city, on the Illinois side, when Gue Fisher, proprietor of the saloon, made improper proposals to the woman, and Rounds, to return, breatened to outrage a little daughter of

Both men had been drinking heavily, and were very hard cases. Fisher is in jail.

PERSONAL The Hon. Mr. Palmer, editor of the Inter-Ocean, who has been in the city for some days, expects to leave for home to-night. Dr. Issac Butt, the home rule member of the

British Parliament, for Limerick, comes to the United States on a lecturing tour. Col. Robert M. Donglas, formerly of the Press dent's staff, and now United States marshal for the Western District of North Carolina, arrived in this city last night, and is at the Ebbitt house

COMMANDER CUSHING. [Hartford Courant.]
The fact that Commander W. B. Cushing,
United States navy, has been consigned to a lunatic saylum has already been noted in our columns. Thus, perhaps, ends in the oblivion of mental aberration a career that at one time seemed likely to lead to the richest rewards that a nation could bestow. Cushing was born in Wisconsin, and appointed to the navy from the State of New York. He was noted for his reckless daring from his first entry into active fer-vice, and while yet a mere boy attracted the at-tention not only of the country, but even of the Department, which is not always as quick as public opinion to perceive or reward the merits of its subordinate officer. Secretary Welles, in his annual report of 1864, speaks of him in the following terms: "Lieut. W. B. Cushing, a young officer who had on previous occasions gained the admiration of the Department by his daring and adventurous behavior, was selected to destroy the Albermarie by a torpedo, properly arranged in a light picket-boat, to be blaced at his disposal.

"Lieutemant Cushing was directed to have the means for carrying out the views of the Department prepared, and when they were completed it was quickly and brilliantly executed. With fourteen brave officers and men, who volunteered for the service, he, on the night of October 27, ascended the Roanoke to Plymouth, assailed the ram at her wharf, though guarded by a military force on shore, as well as by her crow, and smk her. Only himself and one of his party escaped death or capturo."

The circumstances attending Cushing's selection for this arploit of herotem have never been published. The Department had, through spies and the observations of naval officers operating in Albemarie Sound, obtained full information as to the size, effectiveness and locality of the cropters gained the admiration of the Department by his

and the observations of naval officers operating in Albemarie Sound, obtained full information as to the size, effectiveness and locality of the terrible ram, which was built for the excress purpose of clearing our forces out of the North Carolina waters and the fortified places of Hoanoke and Newbern. The Department had charts and place propared, and then locking out for one of its officers of high rank, selected Howan, for the enterprise. Accordingly he was sent for, and offered an advance of a grade if he would undertake the desperate service. But, with the conviction begotten of long experience, he declined the offer. Cushing was then thought of as a young man of desperate oursays, and he was sent for. After carefully studying the plance he turned with beaming eye to Austrant Secretary Fox, and said: "PH fry it, vir. FH do my seet." How well he kept his promise is too well known to the American people to need other reflectation of the story than is given in the axtract above quoted. As long as deede of daring are recited for the emulation of youth, this destruction of the Albemarie by the poor fallow who is now consigned, in his early manhood, to the company of lunaties, will be remembered as among the most memorable that ever shed lustre upon the profession of arms.